Subj: Meg Says Hello
Date: 98-03-24 12:41:43 EST
From: MegFromAOL
BCC: HimMarty

AOL's Quick Start Tips

FOR NEW MEMBERS

Getting Around on AOL

Hello! This is one of several e-mails you'll receive to help you get the most from America Online (and hopefully make you feel right at home here!) I'm your host, Meg. Your friends already on AOL may have heard of me as the AOL Insider.

My job is to help you get online and navigate AOL once you're here, so every day I share all sorts of online tips and tricks. You could say that if AOL is the information superhighway, I'm your AAA. :) In addition to tips like this one, you'll also receive several issues of our AOL Live newsletter, which tells you about celebrities who'll be hanging out with us here on AOL.

And now for today's big topic (drum roll, please): Getting Around on AOL.

More than eight million inhabitants makes AOL one big city. That's about the same size as London or Paris, and we know you'd want a tour guide if you were visiting there. So here's some quick, simple tips to getting around AOL.

Surf All You Want

The best way to find out about your online service is hands-on, and that means going to the Channels screen (the one with 21 buttons) and clicking on ones you think might interest you. See that remote control up there in your toolbar? That'll always get you to the channels menu. And from there, your possibilities are endless.

Hitch a Ride on a Keyword

In downtown New York City, you go from place to place by hailing a cab. "Where to?" asks the driver. "Rockefeller Center," you say. That's all that's required: two words, some insane driving, and you're there. Voila. Keywords are like that, only without the danger of losing your life. They are phrases that take you places.

If you want to visit ABC Online, for example, just hit the keyword button in your tool bar, type in "ABC," and *boom* you're there. It's that easy. Look for your favorite area's keyword on its main screen -- usually in the lower right hand corner.

Use Hyperlinks

Sometimes you'll see things underlined in blue. That's what we call a hyperlink, and if you see one and click on it, it'll take you to somewhere else. For instance, if you click the one above, it takes you to an in-depth lesson on how to use hyperlinks. If you go, you only need to close that window to get back to this mail.

Save Your Favorite Places

Found a hot spot you know you'll return to again and again? Well, see that heart in the upper right corner of its form? Click on it once. It'll ask you if you'd like to make it a favorite place. Say yes, and it'll be transferred to your Favorite Places.

Now it lives in that folder with a heart on it up in your toolbar. See? Click on that folder... and presto. All the hearts you've clicked on show up there.

Why Seek When You Can...

Find. It's right there on the toolbar, that button that says (surprise!) "FIND." Just click it, enter a word or two where prompted, and...well, that's about all there is to it. AOL will scurry about, finding the best areas to match your interest, and give 'em right to you.

And if all else fails, turn to a book. Whenever I'm totally flummoxed at something that has to do with a computer, I turn the pages of a comforting book. The two I keep at my side? America Online for Dummies and The 10-Minute Guide to America Online.

I can hear you saying, "But wait, Meg! You're an employee!" Yeah, but we've got a service big enough for eight million members. I can't know *everything.* :)

Meg signing off...

You'll receive several new member tips and AOL LIVE newsletters over your first 30 days on our service. To stop receiving these e-mails, go to keyword: UNSUBSCRIBE and click the Unsubscribe button.

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Date: 98-03-25 13:09:50 EST
From: MegFromAOL
BCC: HilmMarty

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Using E-Mail

Hello and welcome to America Online. My name is Meg (the AOL Insider!), and this is one of several new-member e-mails I'll be sending you to help you get the most from our service and make you feel right at home here. And now for today's big topic (drum roll, please): Using E-Mail.

Electronic mail, or e-mail for short, is one of the best features on America Online. So put down your papers and pencils, stop licking those stamps, and get ready to write.

Your e-mail address:

You have to know someone's e-mail address. Sort of like real mail. If you just put "My Friend Named Joe" on a piece of mail to the post office, the likelihood that it's going to get to the Joe you're intending is pretty darn low, unless you're friends with your postman whose name happens to be Joe.

At AOL, your screen name is your e-mail address. You can also send mail to and receive mail from anyone on the Internet or any member of another online service by adding @aol.com to the end of your screenname. So if your AOL screen name is HikeWithMe, someone outside of AOL would address e-mail to you at HikeWithMe@aol.com.

Sending Mail:

Now that you have an address to send to, choose the paper and pencil icon on the toolbar at the top of your screen or choose the Mail menu on your menu bar and select Compose Mail.

This puts an empty piece of e-mail on your screen. Just fill in the blanks, click Send Now, and your message is on its way!

You can even compose a message when you're not online. Just click Send Later when you're finished. The next time you log on, choose Read Outgoing Flashmail/Read Offline Mail from your Mail menu -- and the message will be patiently waiting for you there.

For more information on how to use e-mail, including info on your Address Book, Flashsessions (you can send e-mail while you sleep!) and more, go to keyword: Learn E-Mail.

Adding a splash of color and style:

Although the usefulness of e-mail is continuous, the novelty of e-mail wears off pretty darn quickly. There's only so much fun one can have with the Send Now button. Believe me. I've tried.

So, AOL provides you with a full array of formatting features (bold, *italics*, underline, even colors) to make your messages a bit spicier. You can even create your own hyperlinks by dragging the heart icon from any online area into your message.

Endless possibilities:

Ever wished you could send a picture to save yourself that 1000 word piece of e-mail? Well you can! Just hit the **Attach** button and you can throw pictures, photos, sounds, nearly anything in with your mail. Well, anything that's already digitized. No trying to include puppies or roses, please. They come out of the phone lines pretty messy.

And for another way to impress your friends and family, buy 'em a card from the Card-o-matic. This handy doodad (I guess the formal term is "electronic greeting card") has saved me many a time when a friend's birthday nearly slipped by. They're cheaper than paper cards, faster than the post office, and, most importantly, there's no envelope to lick. Saved once again by the power of e-mail!

Meg signing off...

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Subj: Re: Welcome to the internet
Date: 98-03-25 23:13:57 EST
From: alfsef@earthlink.net (Alan L. Felsenfeld)
To: HilmMarty@aol.com (HilmMarty)

>Well, Alan, it surely was about time I had AOL; it had taken me a period that
>covered your Thanksgiving dinner, a week of Haunkkah, your only daughter
>getting married in LOST WAGES, and that other brother's 50th birthday before I
>finally knew what I was doing.
>
>So if you dare invite us to Passover on April 11th (El Nino is not invited!),
>can we final-ly send a dy-dy-ay-noo message to a AOL receptionist? I've
>already picked up Nova Scotia on this new computer that I bought a few weeks
>ago! Maybe your old, ugly, Macintosh Apple just can't do what this one does!
>It puts a smile on my face again!
>
>I'll send Becky and her new husband (was I really there?) one of these
>messages to her on her 26th birthday! Until last Saturday, AOL seemed certain
>to be out of here!

good message bro..do you have dan and becki's e-mail addresses?

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From: "Alan L. Felsenfeld" <alfsef@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Welcome to the internet

Business News Center
Medtronic's Website

By Kevin Drawbaugh
Reuters

CHICAGO (March 25) - People with pacemakers and other life-saving electronic gadgets in their bodies need not worry about malfunctions related to year 2000 computer programming problems, medical device makers said Wednesday.

Medtronic Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of pacemakers and other such devices, said its products will keep functioning normally after Dec. 31, 1999, contrary to scary rumors that some patients are reporting.

"We have received ongoing inquiries from patients with implanted Medtronic devices who are concerned about the impact, if any, as they approach year 2000," said Arthur Collins, president of the Minneapolis-based company.

The false rumor is that the circuitry in pacemakers and other medical devices is date-sensitive and will stop working properly when the year 2000 arrives -- a problem that really does confront some computer-controlled products.

Millions of computers worldwide are programmed to recognize only the last two digits of the year, posing a problem after Dec. 31, 1999, when the year will seem to them to be "00."

Eliminating potential hiccups among date-sensitive computers, many of which run vast systems critical to modern life, is a challenge that software programmers are scrambling to meet over the next 21 months.

The year 2000 is not a problem with electronic medical devices, however, top manufacturers said.

"There's been a lot of misinformation," said Peter Gove, spokesman for St. Jude Medical Inc., a leading device maker based in St. Paul, Minn.

"Pacemakers don't know what day it is," Gove said, explaining that implanted devices work on internal counters that are not based on calendars.

Calendars are often used in external machines called programmers that monitor and program implanted devices. But these machines are normally located in doctors' offices, and software adjustments are being made as needed, the companies said.

"There may be a few things in the programmers that need to be updated, but there's absolutely no problem with implanted devices," said Carol Lindahl, spokeswoman for Guidant Corp., an Indianapolis-based medical devices maker.

This year, more than 500,000 pacemakers will be implanted in patients worldwide. The small devices are connected by wires to the heart. If it beats too slowly, the pacemaker gives the heart muscle a mild electric shock to keep it going.

Similar devices called implantable defibrillators regulate hearts that beat too rapidly or erratically. About 45,000 of these devices will be implanted worldwide this year.

Medtronic and other companies also make implantable electronic devices for treating chronic pain or tremor and for internally delivering doses of drugs at regular intervals.

Last summer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration set up a task force to investigate the year 2000 issue and medical devices. Federal officials told Congress in September that the FDA task force did not find great cause for concern.

Just to be sure, the FDA notified device-makers that it expected them to resolve any year 2000 problems they found.

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Tigers 11, Devil Rays 6

More box scores, '98 schedule

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
BLHunter cf	6	1	2	2	0	1	.333
Roberts dh	5	0	1	1	0	1	.200
b-Incaviglia ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Higginson rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.250
ToClark 1b	5	2	2	0	0	1	.400
Easley 2b-ss	5	3	3	0	0	0	.600
LGonzalez lf	5	2	3	2	0	1	.600
Randa 3b	5	1	3	3	0	1	.600
JOliver c	5	1	2	3	0	0	.400
BRipken ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.333
a-Catalanotto ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Totals	45	11	18	11	2	7	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
McCracken cf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.400
Cairo 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
e-Butler ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	1.000
Boggs 3b	4	1	1	3	1	0	.250
McGriff 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
MKelly lf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Sorrento dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Flaherty c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.500
DMartinez rf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.500
c-BSmith ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.000
Stocker ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.333
d-Trammell ph	0	1	0	0	1	0	---
Totals	38	6	12	5	3	3	

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Tampa Bay            000 002 004- 6 12  0
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a-struck out for Ripken in the 9th. b-flied out for Roberts in the 9th. c-singled for Martinez in the 9th. d-walked for Stocker in the 9th. e-singled for Cairo in the 9th.

E-Bochtler (1).
LOB-Detroit 9, Tampa Bay 9.
2B-BLHunter (1), Higginson (1), Easley (1), LGonzalez (1), Randa 2 (2), Sorrento (1), Flaherty (1).
HR-Boggs (1) off JThompson; LGonzalez (1) off Carlson.

RBIs-BLHunter 2 (2), Roberts (1), LGonzalez 2 (2), Randa 3 (3), JOliver 3 (3), McCracken (1), Butler (1), Boggs 3 (3). GIDP-McCracken 2.

Runners left in scoring position-Detroit 6 (BLHunter, Higginson, ToClark, Easley, JOliver, BRipken); Tampa Bay 5 (Sorrento 2, Flaherty 2, Stocker).

Runners moved up-JOliver.

DP-Detroit 2 (BRipken, Easley and ToClark), (Randa, Easley and ToClark).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
JThompson W, 1-0	6	8	2	2	0	2	86	3.00
Runyan	1	0	0	0	1	0	18	0.00
Duran	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	0.00
Florie	1-3	4	4	3	1	0	23	81.00
Bochtler	2-3	0	0	0	1	1	15	0.00

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alvarez L, 0-1	2 1-3	9	6	6	0	2	72	23.14
Carlson	2 2-3	6	5	5	2	3	55	16.88
DSpringer	3	3	0	0	0	0	28	0.00
Mecir	1	0	0	0	0	2	11	0.00

Inherited runners-scored-Bochtler 3-2, Carlson 2-1.

HBP-by Duran (McGriff).

Umpires-Home, Garcia; First, Reilly; Second, McClelland; Third, Hirschbeck.

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FOR NEW MEMBERS

More Fun with E-Mail

Hello, my name is Meg. This is one of several new-member e-mails I'll be sending you to help you get the most from our service and make you feel right at home here. And now for today's big topic: More Fun with E-Mail. (click on the blue underlined words to go to the places I'm talking about!)

Click on the little pencil and paper icon, fill in the boxes, then click the Send Now button. So... bet you thought that was all there was to e-mail, eh? Well, get ready to discover lots of new ways to spice up your e-mail adventures.

All There in Black and White
"So, what *are* my options, Meg?" Well you've already seen three of them in this mail! You know these colors and text styles in this mail? They're not just for special little AOL employees. They're for special little members, too.

So. Here's how you do it. Start typing your message just like normal. Then pick the word you want to change. Highlight that word by clicking and dragging your mouse so that it looks like [redacted]. Got it? Now, if you're on a Mac, choose the Format menu. If you're on a PC, up at the top of your mail window is a little toolbar of text formatting options. Here are some of them:

Making it **bold**.
Putting it in *italics*.
Giving it some color.

So experiment with what we call Stylized Text. It puts some spunk into your mail. Just make sure you don't make it too spunky. I've seen mail so spunkified, it was unreadable.

Send a Card
When you tire of playing with Stylized Text, you've always got the option to send folks a virtual greeting card via Card-o-matic (keyword: Card-o-matic). You know how much fun it is when you open your mail box and see a pretty blue or pink envelope in there, shining through amongst all the bills.

Well, e-mail can be exciting in the same way, when you open up a piece of mail and it's got a surprise card in it. They cost slightly more than a stamp, but you don't have the danger of unsightly papercuts.

Don't Forget!
Card-o-matic is perfect for those occasions where some important date is *really soon* and you forgot until now and all the card stores are closed. But you can avoid having those brain freezes entirely with the Free Reminder Service (keyword: Reminder).

It'll drop mail in your box before those important occasions so you don't have to be rooting through your desk drawer figuring out which cards have the fewest words you would have to cross out if you were to send them.

Meg signing off...

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Subj: Re: Never enough letters?
Date: 98-04-25 09:14:58 EDT
From: MegFromAOL
To: HilmMarty

Hi, this is Meg.

You've gotten this email because you clicked "reply" when you got my email. What you're getting BACK is this form letter with answers to some of the most frequently asked questions I get.

I call 'em the Meg FAQ. Here goes:

1) Meg, no offense, but I don't really need your emails right now. How do I unsubscribe?

Answer: Go to keyword: UNSUBSCRIBE. I'm not offended. But I'll miss you.

2) Meg! Help! I am receiving lots of spam (unsolicited) mail! How can I stop this?

Answer: Go to keyword JUNK MAIL. You can use AOL's neato Mail Controls (tm) to block this type of mail.

3) Ahh! No! Everything's wrong! I don't know how to do anything and the stuff I do know how to do isn't working!

Answer: Go to keyword: HELP. That's our One Stop Info Shop, getting you the hints you need about the problems you might encounter.

4) I have a brilliant idea for AOL and I must must must write someone about it!

Answer: Go to keyword: SUGGESTION. It's the online equivalent of a suggestion box and believe me, people here are LISTENING (or should I say, reading....)

5) I have questions about accessing AOL.

Answer: Go to keyword: ACCESS.
It's got a searchable database of all the AOL numbers, plus instructions on the latest and greatest ways to access AOL (hence the cleverly titled name...)

6) Something's not quite right with my billing. I appear to have signed up to pay for all of Mars to access AOL.

Answer: Go to keyword: BILLING.
Sever ties with Martian friends.

7) I've conquered the basics of AOL, and now I wanna know how to do some snazzy stuff.

Answer: Go to keyword: TIPS. It's a whole set of quick hits, telling you how to use AOL more effectively to help you in your daily life.

Thanks for writing, and see ya online!
Meg signing off....